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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 607
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Charles Michael Layne of Tullahoma on being named "Mr. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to commend those individuals who bring enthusiasm to the political processes of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Michael Layne of Tullahoma is one such dedicated local political activist, who throughout his adult life has recognized the importance of, and has participated in, the political process of his community and state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne was born into a Democratic family on February 19, 1945, in Thompson Hall, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne's grandfather, Luther Layne, an avid Democrat and admirer of Franklin D. Roosevelt, served 38 years on the Coffee County Court; and

WHEREAS, his grandfather's public service, coupled with his political stories of Albert Gore, Sr., sparked an abiding interest in politics at an early age for Charles Michael Layne; and

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WHEREAS, Luther Layne instilled in his grandson the ideal that the Democratic Party safeguarded the political liberties of “the little man”; and

WHEREAS, this noble precept has guided Charles Michael Layne throughout his life and political endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Charles Michael Layne fondly remembers his first political hero, the late United States Senator Estes Kefauver and uses his example as inspiration to serve the political process with probity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne is proud to have graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1963 and the University of Tennessee in 1967, with a Bachelor’s Degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, Charles Michael Layne earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1971; and

WHEREAS, he excelled in law school, making the Tennessee Law Review, serving as clerk for the late United States District Judge L. Clure Morton, and later working as an aide to former State Attorney General David Pack; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne was named Assistant District Attorney for Coffee, Warren, Van Buren, and Dekalb counties in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne served in this position with integrity and excellence and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary service to the people of Tennessee led to his appointment to District Attorney for the 14th Judicial District by Governor Ned McWherter in 1990. He was later elected to that position and re-elected unopposed in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne continues to be very active in the Democratic Party; most recently he hosted a breakfast for Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne, despite his tremendous accomplishments, has diligently subscribed to the basic values of family and community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Michael Layne has been fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted spouse, Janet Layne; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud and loving father of three sons, Michael, Caleb, and Lucas in whom he has instilled the love for, and desire to, participate in the political process; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne's excellent record of unstinting dedication and support of his Party and his community and his ongoing commitment to the welfare of his fellow human beings is worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Charles Michael Layne of Tullahoma upon being named "Mr. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club, thank him for his commitment to a vital political life for all Tennesseans, and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.